

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 5 line 24:

Thus, the piston ring ~~for internal combustion engines~~  
~~according to the present invention~~ for use with a piston made  
of an aluminum alloy in an internal combustion engine  
according to the present invention, comprises a coating film  
comprising a heat-resistance material and a solid lubricant  
dispersed therein on at least one side surface, the heat-  
resistant material comprising at least one of a  
polyamideimide-silicone dioxide hybrid material and a  
polyimide-silicon dioxide hybrid material.